



Lister Infants Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2016

Present: Rebecca Clancy (Chairperson)
Janine Edge
Stephen Moss
Carrie Ann Wood
Kirsty Hamilton (Deputy Head)
Jan Davies (Head teacher)

Next meeting: Friday April 21st April 2016, 2.00pm

Apologies

Kathi Sturdy, Ashlie Lamb,

1. Marking and Feedback Policy

Copies of the school Marking and Feedback Policy were given out to PC members. Kirsty Hamilton talked PC members through the policy and the rationale behind it. Parents reported that children had talked about the 'tickled pink and green to grow' at home. They reported that the children were motivated by the 'pinks'. Jan Davies explained that when children bring work to her she always asks them why a part of their work has been 'pinked' and the reason why another part may have been 'greened'. Jan Davies told parents that she is always surprised at how well the children can articulate exactly what they have done well and what needs to improve. Jan Davies explained that in this way the children are enabled to take ownership and drive their own improvement in all subject areas. Parents felt that it would be helpful to put together a simple guide for parents for when they are looking through books on open afternoons and evenings. Kirsty Hamilton agreed to do this.

2. Online Safety Day and Parent Workshop

Jan Davies informed parents about the recent Online Safety Day. Jan explained that online safety is an integral part of the curriculum and the children are taught how to stay safe online continually throughout the school year. Jan informed parents that the school holds a day once a year dedicated to this subject not only to further educate the children but to raise awareness in the wider school community. Every year Rachel Manley (ICT Coordinator) organises an Online Safety Workshop for parents and although it is attended by some parents Jan would like to engage more. Parents suggested that the school offers workshops on different days and at

different times. Parents also pointed out that when school provides workshops where parents can attend with their child these are often oversubscribed. This was agreed by all so Jan will look into organising this for Online Safety Day next year.

3. Communication

Jan Davies told parents about the possibility of the school using a communication tool called 'Parent App'. This app would be downloaded onto mobile phones and would give push notifications and reminders. Parents felt that this would be very useful. At the moment all parents agreed that the text messaging service was one of the best ways to communicate. One parent asked if it was possible to communicate via email, Jan Davies said she would look into it.

4. Fundraising Update

Jan Davies reported that the Christmas Fayre had been really successful. It was the first time the school had held a Christmas Fayre jointly with the Junior School. The fayre raised £1,600 which was shared between the two schools. Parents reported that they also felt it had been a great success. Christmas Bingo was also a good event although not as busy as it had been previously. Jan Davies felt that this was due to the scheduling – it was the night before school finished for Christmas previously it had been held earlier in December.

5. Parking

Jan informed parents that she had received a complaint from a neighbour who was annoyed that a parent from Lister had parked a car across his driveway – blocking him and his wife in. Everyone agreed that this was unacceptable and parents must show consideration to residents around the school. Jan explained that banners had been ordered to display on the school railings and would ensure regular notices went into the newsletter.

Date and time of next meeting

Friday 21st April 2016 at 2.00pm